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# Airmen prepare for wartime readiness

By Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 374th Airlift Wing originally preparing for an Operational Readiness Exercise scheduled for Sunday through Nov. 18 will instead practice wartime readiness during a wing Readiness Inspection Week.

"The decision was made to change the ORE to a wing Readiness Inspection Week," said Col. Doug Kreulen, 374th AW vice commander. "This was due to realworld taskings overlapping the scheduled ORE and although Airmen won't be participating in a full-blown ORE, they will still be able to train during the Readiness Inspection Week."

During the Readiness Inspection Week, Airmen can expect to train on a full spectrum of wartime readiness procedures. Readiness events will be unit-directed and will encompass a variety of tasks.

"Even though this ORE has been

cancelled, future OREs will will include more of the base than past OREs according to Col. Tom Davidson, 374th Airlift Wing Inspector General. "All base organizations (including non-player tenant units) are required by Air Force instructions to post Force Protection Condition changes and we ask all tenants to help during the exercise."

Another ORE change could impact some Yokota residents as the play area is not as restricted as it was in past exercises.

"During the early portion of the exercise, known as the Initial Response Readiness Exercise, simulated events will be practiced in areas around the base - for example, a robbery at the Yokota Community Center where security forces will respond, or a bomb threat at the Family Support Center where emergency services respond to the scene.

While scenarios like these may be occurring, Yokota residents could potentially see slower service or need to evacuate an area as the wing exercise its response capabilities."

While the colonel expects impact to the community to be kept to a minimum, he says they should still be aware that they may occur and asks family members to be patient when the wing exercises.

"In addition to the changes during the IRRE portion, wing Airmen can expect to continue focusing on normal pre-deployment, reception and bed down processes, Ability to Survive and Operate, responding to simulated attacks, augmentation of forces, noncombatant evacuation operations reception as a Safe Haven and the employment of tactical airlift," said Colonel Davidson.

"The inspection in March will be Pacific Air Forces' opportunity to fully test the wing on its wartime readiness," the colonel added. "Yokota Airmen need to remember that OREs are how we prepare for war and the ORI shows us how well we are prepared."

# **Putting together a special present**



Misuzu Sugiyama, 374th Contracting Squadron, and Zelideth Troche, Arts and Crafts Center, assemble books for deployed troops Wednesday at the base Arts and Crafts Center. More than 100 books were created for families with deployed members. Families will then personalize the books before sending them.

# 13 Airmen selected for chief master sergeant

The following senior master sergeants here were selected for E-9:

William Andersen, AFELM U.S. for Japan JP; Michael Atkinson, 374th Maintenance Operations Squadron; Makhram Budhoo, 605th Air Support Squadron; Donald Bumpers, 374th Operations Support Squadron; David Corrigan, 730th Air Mobility Squadron; Stephen Dilda, Defense Finance and Accounting Services;

Charles Jones, 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Sadie Knight, 374th Medical Support Squadron; James McNeer, 374th Communications Squadron: James Medeiros. 374th Civil Engineer Squadron; David Metz, 374th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Phillip Rhoda, AFELM U.S. for Japan JP; Forrist Richardson, 374th LRS.

# Environmental inspection success

By 1st Lt. Ben Alumbaugh 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Yokota's Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program successfully completed its internal assessment from Oct 24 to 29.

ESOHCAMPs are conducted annually with internal inspections conducted for two consecutive years and an external inspection on the third year.

"The ESOHCAMP was very successful," said Lt. Col. Lance Hafeli, 374th Civil Engineer Squadron commander. "It allowed us to identify issues we were able to fix, which better prepares us for the external inspection next year."

ESOHCAMP also provides a way for tracking solutions to the problems identified in the course of the audits. The primary goals of the program are to improve environmental and safety management, meet applicable compliance standards, and build supporting funding programs.

"The other reason it was a success was it showed we are doing the right things with our programs," said the colonel. "When we compare our findings from this inspection to the last one internal inspection in 2003, our numbers are going down."

was a good barometer of how the programs were doing since the internal inspection had a larger number of inspectors than an external inspection.

"When we do an internal assessment we put eyes and ears from wing personnel who know where to look for problems," said Colonel Hafeli. "We are trying to find problem areas, so we can develop plans to fix them."

The colonel said the inspection was

successful because it pointed out that the programs in place were taking them in the right direction.

"We had two real successes in that we didn't have any repeat or any significant findings during this inspection," said the colonel.

The following seven outstanding performers were recognized during the ESOHCAMP:

Mr. Andy Litchfield, 374th Services The colonel also said the inspection Division; Staff Sgt. Richard Monsalve, 374th Civil Engineer Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Dale Narusawa, 374th Maintenance Squadron; Ms. Motoko Sato, 374th Contracting Squadron; Staff Sgt. Joe Stanford, 374th CE; Ms. Shoko Sukegawa, 374th Aerospace Medicine Squadron; and Mr. Yoshiaki Yamada, 374th AMDS.

> There will be another internal inspection in 2006, followed by an external inspection in 2007.

ORI countdown: 121 days

# ALS graduation

The following senior airmen graduated from the base Airman Leadership School Nov. 3:

Joseph Barba, 374th Maintenance Operations Squadron; Brandon Benson, 374th Maintenance Squadron; Christopher Blankenship, 374th Mission Support Squadron (Distinguished Graduate); Linda Brown, 20th Operational Weather Squadron; Adam Burnett, 373rd Intelligence Group; Johnny Campos, 374th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Richard Carter, 374th Communications Squadron; Shelley Clayton, 374th Medical Support Squadron; Peter Cole, 730th Air Mobility Squadron;

William Edwards, 374th Communications Squadron; Charlitra Elzie, 374th MDSS; Francisco Escarfullery, 374th Security Forces Squadron; Stephaine Glover, 374th Operations Support Squadron; Brandon Hatfield, 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Natalie Madison, Air Force Band of the Pacific-Asia; Robert Martinet, 730th AMS; Ryan Murphy, 374th CS (Distinguished Graduate); Tim Ortiz, 374th AMXS;

David Popovich, 374th CS; Robert Prato, 374th CS (Leadership Award); Joshua Purvis, 36th Airlift Squadron; Andrew Puttonen, 374th CS; Paul Ratliff, 374th AMXS; Shakira Scott, 374th CS (John L. Levitow award); Adam Varsel, 624th Air Control Flight: Gregory Watkins, 374th MXS; and Michael Williams, Jr., 374th OSS (Academic Achievement award).

(Courtesy of ALS)

# Progress made at elementary school

# Environmental team confirms work through several samples

By 1st Lt. Ben Alumbaugh 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

An environmental team tested effected areas at Yokota East Elementary from Oct. 14 to 20 and found all the classrooms were under the allowed limit for asbestos levels.

Base officials decided to close the school's media center as a precautionary measure after a small amount of asbestos containing materials was identified during the renovation project.

Seventy-two air samples were taken from Oct. 14 through 16 with 64 of those samples having asbestos levels that were either non-detectable or below the final clearance standard established by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response

Seven samples could not be analyzed due to heavy particulate or dust that made it impossible to analyze for asbestos fibers.

One sample taken in a girl's restroom had an asbestos fiber level slightly above the AHERA final air clearance level.

Eight follow-up air samples were taken on Oct. 20 in the rooms where the previous samples that could not be analyzed. All eight of these followup samples, including two additional samples taken in the girl's restroom, had non-detectable asbestos levels.

A final report will be provided to DoDDs for the recommendations and guidelines for cleaning the classrooms prior to reoccupancy.

"The support we have gotten from the community and the base as a whole has been exceptional," said Lillian Hiyama, Yokota East Elementary principal. "Everyone has worked hard. Our staff has been super and the kids have been nothing but wonderful."

"We appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience while we complete this project."

# American Indian contributions strengthen nation's spirit

By Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

American Indian Heritage Month is observed every November and the theme for this year is "Strengthening the spirit of our nation."

American Indians and Alaska Natives played vital roles in the shaping of U.S. history and enriching national culture. Taking time to learn more about the history and heritage of American Indians shows appreciation for their unique traditions and culture.

The American Indian heritage committee hosts a display at the base library through the end of the month and the wing will recognize contributions of American Indians with a 5K run scheduled for Nov. 22.

Although Native Americans make up only 1.5 percent of the total U.S. population, approximately 185,000 are recognized as U.S. veterans. Currently, there are more than 13,000 Native Americans serving on active duty, and more than 6,000 Reservists.

Many American Indians have earned recognition for a history of military service dating from the Revolutionary War to the Global War on Terrorism. Jack Montgomery (Cherokee), Ernest Childers (Creek), Van Barfoot (Choctaw), Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr. (Winnebago), and Charles George (Cherokee) were all awarded Medals of Honor for their actions in World War II and Korea

American Indians consist of more than 550 federally recognized tribes and groups in the U.S., including 223 village groups in Alaska.

Many English words used today have American Indian origins, including bayou (Choctaw), chipmunk (Ojibwa), moose (Eastern Abenaki), squash (Narragansett) and toboggan (Micmac). Nearly half of the 50 states and several city names, including Chicago, Malibu, Milwaukee, Pensacola, Saratoga and Tahoe came directly from various American Indian lan-

In 2004, the Smithsonian Institution opened the National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The museum collection spans all major culture areas of the Americas, representing nearly all tribes of the U.S., most of Canada and a significant number of cultures from Central and South America as well as the Caribbean.

For more information about the history of American Indian heritage month or wing activities, contact Ms. Maureen Wheeler at 225-3912.

Air Force authorizes

**Berlin Airlift streamers:** WASHINGTON - Nearly 60

Academy cadets get lunch-time treat, witness history: U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFPN) -

# NEWS AROUND THE AIR FORCE & PACAF

For these stories and more, visit Air Force Link at www.af.mil

The new secretary of the Air Force was sworn in at the academy's Mitchell Hall cadet dining facility today during the cadet noon meal.

Michael W. Wynne was sworn in by acting Secretary of the Air Force Pete Geren.

Secretary Wynne said he accepted the mantel with great pride and added he could not think of a better place to accept his new position than at the academy.

Air Force announces fiscal 2006 CJR quotas: RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The Air Force announced the fiscal 2006 quotas for the career job reservation program recently, adding three Air Force Specialty Codes to the constrained list, while releasing 13 others.

Reenlistment eligible first term Airmen who apply for a CJR in the constrained AFSCs will be added to a waiting list and compete for quotas based on a rank order process.

years after the operation, Air Force units involved in the Berlin Airlift are now authorized a new streamer to add to their unit gui-

After researching the subject, the U.S. Army Heraldry Institute approved all Berlin Airlift units for a battle streamer, using the colors representative of the Medal for Humane Action. Congress authorized the medal for participating units in 1952.



# AFPC: officer force-shaping boards underway

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – In an effort to mold size and shape its future force, Air Force officials approved an annual board to evaluate officers for continued service at their three-year point. The board will be part of the service's force management program.

The first Force Shaping Board is scheduled to convene at the Air Force Personnel Center here April 3, 2006.

The board will evaluate active duty line officers in the 2002 and 2003 accession year groups – except officers with less than two years current active service or 15 or more years of active service as of Sept. 29, 2006.

The board's objective is to shape the future force by retaining officers the Air Force needs to develop as future leaders. The board will make its determination based on the information in the officers' central selection record and Retention Recommendation Form

The central selection record includes:

- → Officer selection brief,
- → Officer performance reports,
- **→** Decorations,
- → Letters of evaluation. Permanent change of station students (such as those at intelligence school or attending the Air Force Institute of Technology) will not have a completed an Retention Recommendation Form. Instead, their host wing commander will complete a letter of evaluation outlining the officer's training program and performance.
- → Letter to the board. Board-eligible officers are authorized to submit a letter to the

# Space, missile career field seeking officer candidates

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Air Force company grade officers in the 1997 to 2000 commissioned year groups looking to expand their horizons may want to consider applying for retraining into the space and missile career field by the Dec. 15 application deadline.

Officers in the eligible year groups must have at least one year time on station as of March 15 and be released from their current career field. Applicants must also pass a Class III flying physical for space and missile operations duty.

The 13S career field is seeking to add 20-25 officers this year when the selection process begins Dec. 16.

"Cross flow opportunities include only a limited number of spacelift/range operations and satellite command and control positions, space surveillance and missile warning duty positions," said Maj. Kendal Stevenson, chief of space and missile training assignments at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "But, only applications from officers who list intercontinental ballistic missile operations duty as well will be considered."

Visit http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/nr-ops/13S/SPAM%20Home.htm.

board to provide additional information relevant to the board decision process that is not included in any other documents in the central selection record.

→ Retention Recommendation Form: The first O-6 or GS-15 in the officer's chain of command will write a nine-line narrative and make a recommendation. The senior rater will review the form and either concur or non-concur with the initial reviewer's recommendation. The senior rater will also provide a mandatory ranking on all officers in their unit by accession year group and Air Force Specialty Code.

A general officer is scheduled to visit nearly every base to further explain the board process and how it fits into the service's overall force management program. Likewise, they will ensure Airmen are aware of the current voluntary separation initiatives.

Air Force leaders had hoped to reduce the line officer corps through a robust voluntary Force Shaping Program. The program continues to offer interested officers several separation options, which may also include a waiver for recouping education costs.

Opportunities exist for Airmen to continue to serve their country through federal civilian employment.

On March 1, these voluntary initiatives close to FSB eligible officers as the personnel center will no longer accept separation applications from these officers.

Visit http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/shape.htm, or call the Air Force Personnel Contact Center at (800) 616-3775.

Sept. 27 – Joseph Raymond Holm, sixpound, 10-ounce son of Teresita and Blake Holm.

Sept. 28 – Boston Michael Brady, nine-pound son of Amie and Michael Brady.

**Sept. 29** – Kenji Cabral-Ikesakes Walker, six-pounce, 14-ounce son of Jill-Ale and Richard Walker.

**Sept. 30** – Ryan Daniel Spiecher, eight-pound, nine-ounce son of Amber and Daniel Spiecher.

Oct. 2 – Christian Brandon DiDonna, eightpound, 10-ounce son of Tonia and Steven DiDonna.

Oct. 3 – Braylen Elias Hughes, 10-pound, oneounce son of Shawnte and William Hughes.

Oct. 4 – Tom Glen Conwell, seven-pound, nine-ounce son of Miho and Chris Conwell.

Oct. 5 – D'Markus Tre Ellison, seven-pound, 13-ounce son of Karona and Mark Ellison.

Oct. 9 – Demitrius Mikkel Felder Aguiar, six-pound, 10-ounce son of Denise Aguiar and Micah Felder.



# From 'What?' to 'Ready!' Mission support agencies assist Airmen preparing to deploy

**By Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik** 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

(This is the first in a four-part series of articles covering the various base agencies Airmen will need to work with while preparing to deploy. Learn about logistics readiness in part two or the series in the Nov. 18 edition of the Fuji Flyer.)

As members of an expeditionary force, Airmen must be ready to respond to both scheduled deployments and unexpected emergencies, and base mission support agencies are important to Airmen preparing to deploy.

After and Airman is notified of their deployment, the first person they meet with is their unit deployment manager who reviews specific deployment requirements and provides the Airman with a processing checklist. The process can be confusing to those deploying for the first time so the following information can be used as a guide for ensuring Airman see the right agencies.

"Sometimes Airmen don't know where to begin on their deployment processing checklist with so many requirements to fulfill," said Staff Sgt. Lola Hall, 374th Mission Support Squadron. "An easy, and necessary, first step military members can complete is stopping by the MPF to check their Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance beneficiaries. We hate to see families in turmoil because the military member didn't update their SGLI form after events like divorce or the death of a beneficiary."

Military members also must log onto the virtual MPF and verify (or update) their emergency data information, or DD Form 93, Sergeant Hall said. A current copy of the form must be maintained their deployment folder in the event their next of kin must be notified.

Airmen are also required to be legally ready to deploy. This includes making sure they understand the importance of powers of attorney and maintaining a will.

"Pacific Air Forces requires all assigned Airmen to be declared legally ready to deploy," said Staff Sgt. Courtney Johnson, NCOIC of civil law. "Creating powers of attorney and wills are not required to deploy, but we must make sure everyone understands why having these items can make life easier for co-workers, friends and family left behind who will be taking care of

their affairs in their absence."

As an example, Sergeant Johnson said some Airmen don't realize that their family members can't get military pay problems addressed or renew vehicle insurance in the military member's name without a power of attorney. Many organizations require a specific power of attorney for a single purpose to ensure the security of military members' information while deployed.

Additional support services are provided to deploying Airmen and their families by the Family Support Center. These range from deployment packages and services for Airmen to stay in touch with family, to car care services, child care, support groups and activities for families of deployed members.

"Our staff provides support to all deploying members," said Master Sgt. Noel Lorenzo, FSC superintendent. "We pass out calling cards and stationary packages to deploying members, and a \$50 coupon for car care at the AAFES garage. Spouses can also get four hours of free child care each month. Dependents can also make two 15-minute phone calls each week from Yokota to the deployed family member – we also have teleconference

phones available for families."

Two readiness items required at all times for military members with families are noncombatant evacuation folders and family care plans. These are important for families with children – especially single parents and dual-military couples.

"Noncombatant evacuation folders must be maintained in the event Yokota must evacuate all nonessential family members out of the area – such as a major natural disaster or a military threat from another country occurs," said Sergeant Lorenzo.

In order for families to easily transition to a new location, they need to have all their important paperwork to include passports, powers of attorney, wills and other documents, said Sergeant Lorenzo. "A NEO folder keeps all these documents in one place so dependents can be taken care of at their destination with some of the stress removed by having their paperwork in order."

According to Master Sgt. Kevin Harris, 374th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, family care plans are required so military members' children will have a caregiver in the event of an emergency.

"This is requirement for single parents and dual-military couples with children," said Sergeant Harris. "If a military member deploys and will not be able to care for their children they have a responsibility to ensure the children are cared for by someone. They need to outline both short-term caregivers and long-term caregivers for circumstances such as extended duty hours, an evacuation of the base or if they need to stay with extended family during a deployment.

"If an evacuation occurs, parents need to know someone will be able to take their child to family members or care for them until family can pick them up. This is essential to family readiness and must be coordinated with everyone in the family care plan."

In addition, all Airmen need to make arrangements for mail service, housing maintenance and financial readiness through the respective base agencies prior to deploying.

This is only a portion of the many functions provided by mission support agencies. Airmen should refer to their deployment checklists and UDMs for a complete listing of all deployment requirements and points of contact for each agency.

# Annual Wingman Day slated for Nov. 22

**By Capt. Joseph Green** 374th Airlift Wing

The 374th Airlift Wing Wingman Day is scheduled for Nov. 22.

It will begin with an American Indian Heritage 5K at 6:30 a.m. followed by unit-focused activities.

Wingman Day is a day set aside for Airmen of all ranks to re-examine Air Force core values and is designed to help Airmen embrace the Wingman culture. Airmen can sharpen the knowledge and information available to them, allowing Airmen to take care of themselves and their fellow Airmen.

The inaugural Wingman Day in 2004 was a huge success contributing to a 43 percent decrease in suicides throughout the Air Force.

This year, the Air Force's primary focus for Wingman Day will be on the following issues: substance abuse, suicide, sexual assault, and motorcycle accidents. These issues have a significant and negative impact on individual lives, mission readiness, and unit morale.

Since Wingman Day is intended to belong to commanders, each unit has the flexibility of tailoring the afternoon's activities to meet their operational and mission requirements once the primary focus topics are addressed. Units will be provided resources for both key topics and afternoon activities.

The agenda for Wingman Day activities include:

- → 6:30 to 9 a.m. American Indian Heritage Run at Yokota Field
  - $\rightarrow$  9 a.m. to noon Unit leadership meets

with members to kick off unit Wingman Day events. There will be small group discussions. Units are expected to discuss the following topics: motorcycle safety, suicide prevention, sexual assault prevention, and building a culture of responsible choices related to alcohol and drug use.

- → Noon to 1 p.m. Lunch time with fellow unit Airmen, civilians and Japanese Nationals along with family members.
- → 1 to 4 p.m. Left to the discretion of units. Units are recommended to utilize the Yokota Wingman Day Toolbox which includes hyperlinks to valuable online resources that can be tailored to unit-directed activities.
- → 4 p.m. Wingman Day ends. Airmen are released to focus on friends and family.

Congratulations
to former
374th Airlift Wing
commander
Col. Mark Schissler
for his nomination for
promotion to
brigadier general!





# **No-Thankyou** Personnel officer reflects on helping WWII vet with 55-year late decoration

By Major John Murray

374th Mission Support Squadron

As a career personnel officer, I've dealt one-on-one with, literally thousands of military members, their families and retirees—some appreciative, others not so much.

I've had many days where I've come home truly proud of what I'd done to help people, and I've had other days when I swore it was raining idiots and I was completely out of umbrellas. However, from among all the seemingly millions of individual issues I've worked, one stands out.

In 2001, when I was the military personnel flight commander at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., I recall a day where, like most days, I was knee-deep in whatever crisis-of-the-minute was happening when I was distracted from my work by a light rapping on my door. Frustrated by what I was sure would be another instance of somebody goobering up a personnel transaction or a customer wanting to tell me how best to do my job, I was caught off guard to see an 83-year-old man and his similarlyaged wife standing outside my door.

The gentleman apologized for taking up my time, but explained that he was a World War II veteran and wanted my assistance in reviewing his records from 1945. This being a first request of its kind I'd ever staffed, I asked him a series of questions about his military service. I discovered quickly that this meeting was not just another tasking for me to add to my already overflowing plate, but it was an absolute life-changing event which still impacts me today.

The stories he told me during that two-hour session were the types that would make a blockbuster Hollywood movie. He told me about being captured after being injured in a fierce firefight and becoming a prisoner-of-war. As I sat transfixed on his every word, I realized it wasn't the battle, the location or the circumstances under which he fought that had me most captivated. Instead, it was the conviction with which he told his story and his

Our American Veterans – Defenders of Peace, Protectors of Freedom

By Gen. Paul Hester

Pacific Air Forces commander

Let us never forget. Let us always remember. Today we honor those great Americans who built the foundation on which our great country stands – our military veterans.

On this day in our history in 1921, the remains of an unknown soldier from World War I were ceremonially buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. This soldier was killed at 11:00 on November 11, 1918. Since then, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has served as a reminder to us that the needs of the many are met by sacrifice from the few. Our freedom comes at great cost, and during these trying times, we are acutely aware of that.

As we continue to fight the Global War on Terrorism, it is important to take this time to reflect. Today we remind ourselves of who we are as **Americans**, what we stand for as a **Nation**, and what we are fighting for as a **Country**.

Veterans Day is largely intended for us to thank our military veterans for their service and sacrifice for the common good – life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I encourage you to extend your hand to veterans today – true American heroes – and thank them for their service to our country. And to you wonderful Pacific Air Forces Airmen and families, I offer my thanks on this Veterans Day for your dedicated work in continuing to defend peace and protect freedom.

infallible belief in his patriotic role as an American citizen that had me regretting ever complaining about my email not working, or my work section being understaffed or having to pull a 15-hour work shift.

I realized that this warrior didn't just make history, he was history. He had quietly entered my office simply to ask if I could take his folded, partially torn and yellowed DD Form 210 discharge paper and see if he had received all of his earned decorations from the Army. His reason? He wanted the headstone on his grave he'd picked out at the local national cemetery to be accurate for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren to see.

With an inspiration unlike any I'd experienced in a long time, I took his paperwork and started researching archives, calling and faxing the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis and writing my own justification to the board of inquiry. I still ensured a host of other personnel support programs remained in full

throttle for active duty base personnel,but I kept his paperwork right next to my keyboard.

Less than five weeks after meeting this gentleman, I was honored to stand beside him in a formal award ceremony where he received his Purple Heart – 55 years after being wounded in combat. He stood as tall as an 18-year old honor guardsman, and just as proud as any Soldier has ever been.

As the medal was pinned on him, he turned to me and said, "Thank you." "No," I replied, "Thank you."

I've made it a point to say the same to every veteran I see.

Most of us will celebrate a well-deserved day off from duty today. When you consider the heroic deeds and sacrifices of this warrior, as well as the exploits of the countless others with whom we all have the chance to come into contact, there's nothing to stop any of us from stopping and thanking a veteran every day.

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**Col. Scott Goodwin** 374th Airlift Wing commander

Sir, rumor has it that the new Fitness Center, while stateof-the-art, is significantly smaller than before, and that once the new Fitness Center opens, the Fitness Center at the Natatorium will close. Would it be possible to maintain both Fitness Centers to alleviate the number of people using only one facility?

A share your interest in ensuring we provide the best possible facilities to our community in support of being fit to fight. Our Main Fitness Center will reopen the end of November and I believe everyone will be pleased with the result. As you point out, there will be less exercise space following the renovation but the

goal was to provide a first-class facility that compared to commercial athletic clubs. We've made significant improvements in the locker rooms in particular.

Our long range plan addresses the need for more exercise space. A Government of Japan funded project will begin after the first of the year. This project, located next to the Main Fitness Center, will greatly expand the exercise space available by adding another basketball court and more exercise rooms for cardio equipment and weights.

The Fitness Center we currently have adjacent to the Natatorium was only intended as a temporary facility during the renovation of the main facility. We need to return that building to its intended purpose as a Teen Center. However, I am committed to providing a fitness facility on the east side of the base and our community planning efforts are taking that into consideration. To help ease congestion, there are a limited number of cardio machines located in the First Term Airman Center (FTAC) building.

I would also encourage all Yokota members to look at the best times for working out and possibly make adjustments to their workout times should they have problems due to congestion at the fitness center. It is a priority of the wing to ensure everyone gets the proper training facilities to ensure we're all fit to fight, but we also need everyone to understand that improvements like these will take time to accomplish.

# **DUI Prevention**

Oct. 26 – Nov 2 Total DUIs in October Total in 2005

### Punishment

2

.049 or less = car parked for 12 hours .05-.079 = 6 months walking .081-.149 = 1 year walking 0.15 or greater = 2 years walking

Don't drink and drive. Call 225-RIDE!

Be locked, loaded & ready to rock 'n' roll



Let the war games begin! Samurai warriors have less than four months before the Operational Readiness Inspection begins. The inspection is a rigorous five-day event that tests the 374th Airlift Wing's ability to operate in a wartime environment. There will be simulated attacks, accidents and other scenerios to test just how well the wing's Airmen know their wartime

Preparation begins with each individual Airman. Gear must be checked and rechecked to ensure it complies with Air Force

standards. Training on procedures including sweep teams, alarms, and proper MOPP wear should be accomplished.

Remember that the wing is not training to get high marks on the ORI itself – it is all about being ready for whatever situation comes, whether it is a major accident here or one of the wing's Airmen responding to an attack while deployed to Southwest Asia.

Samurai warriors, be ready!

# **MOPP levels & wear** < MOPP < MOPP MOPP < MOPP **MOPP**

	Field Gear	Overgament	Beets	Mask/Hood	Glaves
MOPP 0	WEAR	CARRY	CARRY	CARRY	CARRY
MOPP 1	WEAR	WEAR	CARRY	CARRY	CARRY
MOPP 2	WEAR	WEAR	WEAR	CARRY	CARRY
MOPP 3	WEAR	WEAR	WEAR	WEAR	CARRY
MOPP 4	WEAR	WEAR	WEAR	WEAR	WEAR

# **Know the alarms**

USAF STANDARDIZED ATTACK WARNING SIGNALS FOR NBCC MEDIUM AND HIGH THREAT AREAS					
ALARM CONDITIONS	IF YOU;	THIS INDICATES	GENERAL ACTIONS		
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MD	BEAR: ALARM RED, 5-7 MEN WAVERING TONE	ATTACK BY AIR OR MINGLE IS DIMINENT OR DI PROGRESS	SEEK IMMEDIANTE PROTECTION WITH OWIGHBARD COVER -MOPP 4 OR AD DISCOTTO- -SEPORT OBSERVED ATTACKE		
	HEAR GROUND ATTACK, BUGLE CALL	ATTACK BY GROUND FORCES IS BIGHISHNT OR IN PROGRESS	-MOPP 4 OR AS DIRECTEI		
BLACK	HEAR: ALARM BLACK	ATTACK IS OVER AND NBC AND/OR UXO HAZARDS ARE SUSPECTED OR PRESENT	-MOPP 4 OR AS DIRECTED -SELF-AID/BUDDY CARE -REMAIN UNDER OVERHEAD COVER OR WITHIN SHELTER UNTIL DIRECTED OTHERWISE		

# **Hardening facilities**

- ⇒ To determine whether a facility should be hardened, contact an applicable unit control center.
- ⇒ To configure sandbags for a hardened-facility, place two bags side-by-side then place two more beside that at a 90 degree angle.
- $\Rightarrow$  On top of the four bags, place a sandbag on each side of the 90 degree angle.
- ⇒ Finally, place one sandbag at the intersection of the two sides of the corner.

Seven sandbags are required for this simulated configuration. The configuration must be placed at each corner of the building and on both sides of facility entrances.

For further guidelines, see Pacific Air Force List for Standard Simulations or the latest edition of the Airman's Manual, AFMAN 10-100.







# **Chemical agent detection**

#### ■ Use only white light to read ■ M8 Paper will function in ■ Detects G and V nerve agents and H and L blister agent snow, rain, and sleet, but not if saturated with water Provides a manual liquid detection capability Supplied in booklets of 25 If M8 Paper is saturated with water, it should be replaced perforated pages of paper containing chemical agent MB Paper reaction is immediate at temperatures above 32°F and sensitive dives respect prior to use. Discard slow to several minutes below M8 Paper that shows signs of wetness, wrinkling, dirt, damage Dye will rapidly deteriorate at or discoloration temperatures above 125°f me items such as wasp spray 18 Paper is not pre-positioned, blot (do not rub or scrub) over and cleaning supplies may nonporous surface like glass or produce false positives. to be contaminated Mark date and time of placement When liquid nerve or blister agents contact M8 Paper, a color change takes Gold or Yellow Pink or Red H- or L- series blis Blue or Dark Green GF nerve agent prevarious chart recote the cover of the MA earliest

# **Auto injectors**

The auto-injectors are used only when an Airm exposed to nerve agents. Symptoms include meiosis, d ing, runny nose and nausea. To use the auto-injectors

- 1. Ensure you are wearing your gas mask.
- 2. Remove the small atropine auto-injector from the Mark II kit and remove the safety cap.
- 3. Locate the injection site, the fatty part of the thigh or upper outer quarter of the buttocks, and feel for any obstructions.
- 4. Position the injector, or black needle end, against the injection site. Apply firm, even pressure until the needle is triggered. Hold for 10 seconds.
- 5. Carefully remove the injector and bend the needle, attaching it to the overgarment pockets.
- 6. Remove the pralidoxime chloride injector, remove the safety cap and repeat the steps above.
- 7. If mild symptoms persist after 10-15 minutes, have a buddy administer a second Mark 1 kit. 8. With severe symptoms, administer all three
- Mark 1 kits followed by diazepam. (Warning: If your heart beats quickly and mouth

becomes very dry after administering one Mark 1 k do not inject a second Mark 1 kit.)



# KUD0S

Approximately 250 Yokota Air Base children participated in the Kids Understanding Deployment Operations event on Nov. 5. The event's purpose is to give children insight into the deployment process that their parents go through. This was the first time the base has conducted a KUDOS event.



Nicolas Dugas, the son of Maj. Peter and Celina Dugas, sits in the cockpit of a C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft during the Kids Understanding Deployment Operations event on Nov. 5. Children from Yokota Air Base were given the opportunity to see what their parents go through before a deployment by processing through a mock deployment line and shown demonstrations of equipment their parents normally use in the field. This was the first KUDOS held at the base.

# to the kids Dozens of servicemembers' children experience deployment process

By Capt. Warren Comer 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Parents all know that children are curious about what their mother or father does at work, especially when they go on a deployment that takes them away from the home for months at a time.

Officials from the Family Support Center and other agencies throughout Yokota Air Base held an event called Kids Understanding Deployment Operations, or KUDOS, Nov. 5 to help children understand what their parents do when preparing to go on a deploy-

"The children are really responsive and having a good time," said Mr. Henry McCord, a FSC family readiness technician who planned the event. "We've got most of the things that are normally given out (during deployments). They're also getting an identification card and dog tags."

This was the first time the base has conducted KUDOS. Children received many different items to help familiarize them with the deployment process. The regular deployment bags were replaced by lightweight multi-colored backpacks while the shots that deploying personnel receive were actually small pieces of candy.

"I think it's really important

that they understand what's going on when their dad does get deployed," said Angela Overton, a mother of children who participated in KUDOS. "This is a chance for them (my children) to see what hap-

The event also included items and equipment parents use during actual deployments like a Meal Ready-to-Eat demonstration, a tent with cots set up in it, a Humvee, fire truck as well as a C-130 static dis-

"I liked it when I got to put on the gas mask," said Jamie Sovern, a KUDOS participant. She went on to say that KUDOS was a very enjoyable experience and that other children should participate during future events.

Getting KUDOS off the drawing board took many different people, but integral to its success were the volunteers that helped show the children what deployments are all

"I am in charge of doing the legal processing, having the children complete a power of attorney," said Alysa Simms, KUDOS volunteer who works with the 374th Services Division's School Age Program. "It's an excellent opportunity for children to see what their parents do and actually be a part of the military processes."



A child from Yokota Air Base talks to a friend on a video teleconferencing phone during a Kids Understanding Deployment Operations event Nov. 5. Part of this VTC is brought with deploying military personnel while the other unit is maintained at the base so that families can see and hear each other, even if they are half a world apart. KUDOS was an opportunity for the base to educate their children on what happens to parents during a deployment.

The Yokota Players decide to help reveal the mystery behind the

attraction between ...

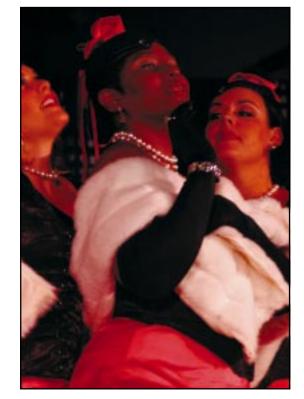






Above, (left to right) Miss Adelaide and missionary Sarah Brown lament their relationships with (above right, from left to right) Nathan Detroit and Sky Masterson. The musical comedy "Guys and Dolls" follows the couples in their adventures around New York. Miss Adelaide is portrayed by Trenetta Jones; missionary Sarah Brown is Michelle Harvey; Nathan Detroit is Steve Crouch; and Sky Materson is J. Alan Goddard. Right. the gambling men of "Guys and Dolls" shoot craps with Chicago gangster Big Jule (in black), portrayed by Doug Harper. The Yokota Players, a base private organization, orchestrated the musical comedy. More than two dozen community members participated in the musical. Favorite songs from the 1950 original include "Luck Be A Lady," "Sit Down, You're Rocking The Boat," and "Guys and Dolls."









Far left, Miss Adelaide tells it like it is in "Take Back Your Mink" with her Hot Box Girls, including Kristie Drown, Liz McNulty, Angela Tucker and Sonia Sharret. The girls also performed "A Bushel and A Peck." Left, missionary Sarah Brown describes her perfect man to Sky Masterson in "I'll Know" during the first act. Above, the "Guys and Dolls" company wraps up its two and half hour production with its final song and the happy couples of Nathan Detroit and Miss Adelaide, and Sky Masterson and Sarah Brown front and center.

# Off base

Odaiba Car Trip Paradise 2005: This is a car show with outdoor activity information and car trip goods Saturday and Sunday in Odaiba with more than 300 displays. Take the Rinkai line to Tokyo Teleport station or the Yurikamome Daiba station.

**Mizuho Industrial Fair:** This city is hosting numerous booths with local products, children's games, a flea market and more Nov. 19 and 20 around the Mizuho Town Hall. Call 042-557-3389.

Fussa garage sale: About 100 local citizens are participating in this sale Dec. 11 being held near the Tama Chuo Park, located 15 minutes by foot from the Fussa station.

# On base

#### Movies

**Today** – *Dark Water*, PG-13, 7 p.m.; *The Weather Man*, R, 9:30 p.m.

**Saturday** – *Valiant*, G, 2 p.m.; *Transporter* 2, PG-13, 7 p.m.; *The Weather Man*, R, 9:30 p.m.

**Sunday** – Sky High, PG, 2 p.m.; The Weather Man, R, 7 p.m.

**Monday** – *The Weather Man*, R, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday** – *The Skeleton Key*, PG-13, 7 p.m. **Wednesday** – *The Weather* 

Man, R, 7 p.m.

Thursday, The Man PG 13

**Thursday** – *The Man*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. Call 225-8708.

### **Education**

The University of Oklahoma has begun registration for its spring semester. The university offers three on-site classes and two online classes for the semester. Visit <a href="http://www.goOU.edu">http://www.goOU.edu</a> or call 225-3869.

### **Telephone billing**

The October telephone deduction seen on Leave and Earning Statements will be taken out of

members' Nov. 15 pay. The billing cycle will return to normal with the November bill being taken out of Dec. 1 pay. Call 225-6290.

## **Kanto Express**

The Kanto Express will not run during the operational readiness exercises. It will resume operations after OREs end. Call 225-9121 for more information.

## **Closures**

The housing flight offices are closed Nov. 17 beginning at noon for an official function. The offices will also be closed Nov. 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

#### **Red Cross classes**

The local American Red Cross chapter is hosting a babysitting training class Dec. 3 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is highly encouraged for teens who would like to babysit on base. Call 225-7522.

The chapter is also sponsoring a standard first aid and AED class Dec. 10 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$35 a person. Call 225-7522.

### **Holiday cards**

Sign-ups for the annual holiday card display along Airlift Avenue begin Nov. 9 at the Samurai Self-Help Store. The store is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All spaces are on a first come, first serve basis. Call 225-7086.

## Art auction

The Yokota High School Project Graduation\* is hosting a bazaar and art auction at the Officers' Club Saturday at 10 a.m. The auction presale and preview starts at 5 p.m., and the auction begins at 6 p.m. Volunteers are also needed. Call 227-9931 or 227-3478.

# **UMUC** event

The University of Maryland University College here is hosting "History repeats itself?: The Wars in Iraq and Vietnam" with Dr. Timothy Maga. It is at the Officers' Club Nov. 19 beginning at 6:30

p.m. Admission is free and includes refreshments. Call 225-3690.

## **Shrine sale**

The Yujo Recreation Center is hosting a shrine sale Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items include antiques, furniture, oriental crafts and more. Call 225-7713.

#### Job fair

The 374th Services Division's Human Resource Office has scheduled a job fair for Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. Job positions are open to all U.S. citizens and their dependents. Call 225-3920.

#### **Tanabata Dancers**

The Tanabata Dancers\* begin its next traditional Japanese dancing season and practices in March 2006. E-mail tanabata\_dancers@hotmail.com.

# Samurai Cafe

The dining facility will be open from 5 to 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. for dinner and 11 p.m. to 1 p.m. for midnight meal during operational readiness exercisse. Regular hours resume after OREs end.

# **Manhole covers**

Community members are reminded to wear proper clothing and footwear during the winter and summer time when near manhole covers. The covers hold extreme cold and hot temperatures during these seasons and pose a safety threat to the community.

# **Trash policy**

Off-base residents cannot dispose of their trash on base per Air Force regulations. People caught disposing of off-base trash onbase may face military discipline. Call 225-9683.

### **Family Advocacy**

The base Family Advocacy flight offers many free classes including: baby care basics, common-sense parenting, marital Samurai





of the Week

**Senior Airman Tiffany Pacheco** 

Senior Airman Tiffany Pacheco, 374th Services Division, is this week's Samurai Warrior of the Week for exhibiting the Bushido qualities of sincerity, respect and dedication to the physical and mental readiness of Yokota Airmen.

Airman Pacheco is the Special Events Coordinator at the Yokota Fitness Center. She takes great pride in each and every task set before her. Airman Pacheco is responsible for orchestrating wing readiness 5K runs, bodybuilding contests and the annual wing sports day in which more than 1,800 "Fit-to-Fight" Yokota warriors participated. She also instructed 19 unit physical training leaders on FitLinxx applications and provided fitness equipment orientation.

enrichment, anger management, stress management, single-parent support groups and more. Call 225-3648.

#### **225-RIDE**

The Yokota program that gives free rides home to community members who have been drinking needs volunteers. Call 225-5063 for more information.

# **Dave Roever visit**

Vietnam veteran Dave Roever is visiting Yokota in November. He will have presentations at the Traditional Chapel Nov. 27 from 11 a.m. to noon, and at the Contemporary Chapel Nov. 27 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. He will visit Yokota High School students Nov. 28 from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Mr. Roever will also visit with base Airmen from 10 to 11 a.m. at the base theater Nov. 28. Call 225-7009.

# **Chapel events**

Mothers Of Preschoolers has its monthly meeting Wednesday beginning at 9:15 a.m. at the Traditional Chapel. Call 225-7009.

### **Chapel Schedule**

## Traditional (West) Chapel

Catholic: Mass, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Protestant: Traditional service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Liturgical service Sundays at 12:30 p.m.; Korean service, Sundays at 2 p.m.; Seventh Day Adventists, Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Contemporary (East) Chapel Protestant: Gospel service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Contemporary service, Sundays at 5 p.m. Call 225-7009.

## **Publicity**

Private organizations and military units can advertise its activities by sending information to fuji.flyer@yokota.af.mil, afn. publicity@yokota.af.mil and yokota.bulletin@yokota.af.mil.

# **PO** disclaimer

An asterisk (\*) denotes a private organization. Private organizations are not a part of the Department of Defense or any of its components and have no governmental status.



# "Quotes" & Things

"You know your team is not in the race when guys are growing beards for the duck hunting season."

**Steve Boros** 

Golf: The Par 3 is hosting a Thanksgiving moonlight golf party Nov. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$1 and includes music, lessons, food, and more. Sign up at the Par 3.

The Tama Hills golf course is having its annual Turkey Shoot Nov. 19 beginning at 7 a.m. The cost is \$35 and includes a cart, breakfast, lunch and more. Sign up at the Par 3 or Tama Golf.

Water aerobics: The Natatorium offers these classes Mondays through Fridays from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m., and 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. A class is also held Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. Call 225-6133.

Outdoor Recreation: The Outdoor Recreation Center is sponsoring the following trips: advanced bishitsuri-style fishing at Odawara Nov. 11; downhill mountain biking at Mt. Takamine Nov. 19: golf tour at Shin-Musashi golf course Nov. 25; and trout fishing at Shishidome Nov. 30. Call 225-4552.

Football Frenzy: The Officers' Club and Enlisted Club celebrate football season every Tuesday evening. Community members can enjoy food, prizes and more. Call 227-8820.

Natatorium: The base Natatorium is closed today until 5 p.m. It will reopen at 5 p.m. and stay open until 8 p.m. tonight. Call 225-6133.

# Tour de Tama makes tracks

TAMA HILLS, Tokyo - More than 80 mountain bikers took on the rocky terrain Saturday in the semi-annual Tour de Tama.

The placing riders in the rookie category

First place - Masaki Nagayoshi, 40:39 Second place - John Thomas, 374th Medical Support Squadron, 43:24

Third place - Adam Kates, 374th Civil Engineer Squadron, 43:49

Women's category winners were:

First place - Jamie Turner, 459th Airlift Squadron, 40:45

Second place – Shoko Asami, 40:52 Third place - Reiko Kinoshita, 43:15

Winning riders in the over 35 years old category were:

First place - Naori Isooka, 40:46 Second place - Hiroyuki Kaijo, 41:55 Third place - Yasutaro Dai, 42:06 Fourth place - Spence Palmer, 42:30

Top riders in the open category were: First place - Toshi Kazu, 38:47 Second place - Junji Icheida, 40:10

Third place - Atsushi Kojima, 40:15 Fourth place - Chris Looney, 374th Maintenance Squadron, 54:45

**Expert category winners were:** 

First place – Keiichiro Muraoka, 1:09:47 Second place - Tomotaka Igarashi, 1:10:21 Third place - Yuktaka Inagaki, 1:12:42 Fourth place - Michael Rice, 1:21:51

The mountain bike race is held at the Tama Hills recreation center in Inagi City, located approximately 45 minutes from Yokota. Tama Hills is open to all SOFA-status ID cardholders.

(Courtesy of outdoor recreation center and 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs)

Right, mountain bikers make one of many laps around the Tour de Tama path Saturday. Below left, a finisher is all smiles after completing his final lap. Below middle, Tour de Tama timekeepers keep a close eye on the clock and riders. Below right, placing riders celebrate with a bottle of champagne.









photos by Senior Airman Katie Thomas

